

**Holiday Editions Already Appearing—Housekeeper's Handy Book—Miscellaneous Subjects.**

In his latest tale, "Love in a Hurry," (Hobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis), Gelett Burgess has dropped almost all his idiosyncrasies and tried his hand at an entirely different form of literature, the "roaring" automobile plays, a naughty Palais Royal piece boiled down into the proper shape the British public would swallow. A young photographer finds himself obliged to hurry in less than an hour in order to bring a fortune. To do this, he proposes to three women in succession, who all defer their answer, but neglects his assistant, who really cares for him. When he discovers that he wants her, he has to woo the three others and has some difficulty in refusing to refuse him in time. Haste, as the title implies, is the prime essential in the action. The hero is made needlessly unpleasant, the four women show their unwilling side and give occasion to many sarcastic gibes against matrimony. Use is also made of a sentimental janitor, an avaricious countryman and a heroine's later adventures should not fill another dozen volumes.

A short story of family troubles in a country village, "Little Windows" by Helen M. Hodson (Thomas Y. Crowell Company), is announced as an exposition of "New Thought" doctrine. We see nothing in it that does not antedate all modern religious fancies by many centuries.

Another successful play, "The Army" (Cass Harpers) by Harriet Ford and Harvey J. O'Higgins, has been turned into a story by Arthur Hornblow, illustrated with scenes from the play. Whether the eminent cooperator mentioned helped with the play or with the story does not appear.

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Reprints of juvenile classics are also welcome. Short stories by Charles Dickens, two taken from the "Holidays Romance" and one from the "Seven Poor Travellers" are published separately as picture books by the Houghton Mifflin Company, though they were made in England. Under their new titles they may be mistaken for Dickens novelties, particularly by the new reading high school "know it alls" who are called "The Story of Richard Doubledick," "Captain Boldheart" and the "Latin Grammar Master" and "The Trial of William Tinkling." The pictures are good and the stories such as children will enjoy. Of like manufacture and of like attraction are two tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne, "The Paradise of the Blind" and "The Paradise of Children" (Houghton Mifflin Company). A new edition of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Tanglewood Tales," illustrated by George Soper in black and white and in color, is published by the Thomas Y. Crowell Com-


**Other Books.**

A sad commentary on the gross narrowness of man is the fact that in Lucile Millett Baxter's "The Housekeeper's Handy-Book" (Houghton Mifflin Company) the greater part of the book is devoted to things to eat and drink. Mrs. Baxter gives helpful directions and suggestions on all domestic matters, such as house cleaning, laundry work, first aid and needlework; no recapitulation of old methods but compact clear statements of how things are done now. Neither has she compiled a cookbook but recipes are chiefly added flashes from a part of the world or for the new ways of preparing familiar materials. It is the cream of her experience that she offers her readers. We infer that Mrs. Baxter is a vegetarian, for though she

has a share. Her book is a valuable addition to every housewife's library.

Many miscellaneous articles and poems by the late Myrtle Reed have been gathered in a volume called "Threads of Gray and Gold," which is published in a shape uniform with her other works by G. P. Putnam's Sons. Several series of papers are included, such as one on the life of William A. Brewster, President of the United States and another on the qualities of women. Every prose article is followed by a piece of verse and a portrait of the author is provided. While these articles may have no great intrinsic value they are written pleasantly and with some re-

the present issue of "Isolda" (Thomas Y. Crowell) Oliver Huckel has assumed task of turning all the Wagner operas into verse. The nine volume Teutonic poems. We call Huckel's verse that it is inferior to the German generally, more intelligible than the original. A. J. Alcott's "Improvements" that is helpful not only for whom it has been sent all city people who go to the country comes Calvert School, Baltimore. Trees: How to Know


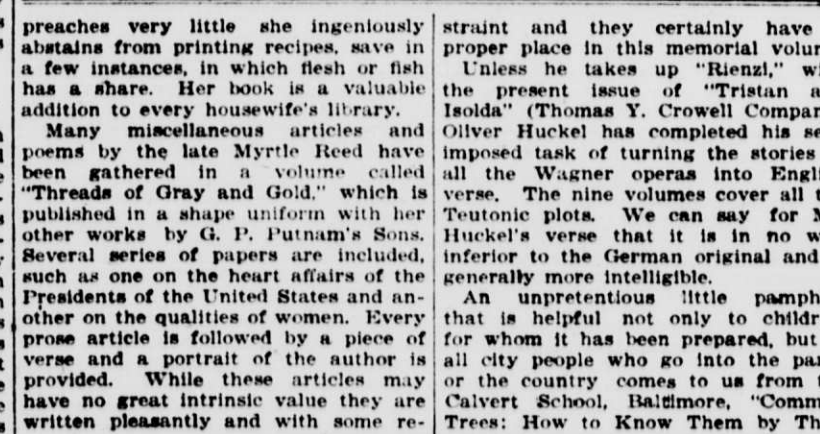


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